

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF
AUSTRALIA**

AND

**THE SINGAPORE TOURISM BOARD OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SINGAPORE**

ON

STRENGTHENING TOURISM COOPERATION

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia and the Singapore Tourism Board of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants”, or singularly as the “Participant”);

Affirming the existing friendly and cooperative relationship between the Participants;

Acknowledging the basis for cooperation already formed between Australian and Singaporean Governments under the Australia Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership;

Recognising the highly complementary nature of the two countries’ tourism sectors and the positive economic and social impact of cooperation and enhanced people-to-people links;

Desiring to strengthen the existing partnership of the Participants, based on equality and mutual benefit, with respect to the tourism sector;

Have reached the following understandings:

PARAGRAPH 1
AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. The scope of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) will be determined through consultations between the designated representatives of the Participants.
2. The Participants may cooperate within their respective competences in the following areas:
 - (a) Tourism industry supply-side development;
 - (b) Research partnerships and data sharing;
 - (c) Sharing of tourism information and insights; and
 - (d) Any other areas as mutually determined by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 2
COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

1. Cooperation activities under this MoU will be determined through consultation between the designated representatives of both Participants. Such cooperation may include:
 - (a) The sharing of insights and approaches to address tourism supply side issues, and the facilitation of opportunities in investments and infrastructure enhancements;
 - (b) Bilateral exchanges of information and advice, sharing of data, and joint research and analytical projects in the field of tourism, that collectively will deepen the relationship between the Singapore Tourism Board and Tourism Research Australia;
 - (c) The sharing of insights and best practices in marketing, leisure events planning and management for sports and entertainment, to boost tourism to Australia and Singapore;
 - (d) Meetings or official dialogues on mutually determined topics; and

- (e) Exploring opportunities to work together through multilateral forums.

PARAGRAPH 3

IMPLEMENTING AND REPORTING MECHANISMS

1. The Participants will endeavour to maintain regular interactions and information exchanges between their relevant authorities, and will consult regularly on cooperation under this MoU. This may include:-
 - (a) Ministerial meetings, as appropriate;
 - (b) The Australia-Singapore Tourism Officials' Talks; and
 - (c) Other fora, as appropriate.
2. Designated representatives of each Participant will endeavour to gather relevant authorities and interested personnel of relevant organisations, institutions, associations, and enterprises to attend and to present (where appropriate) at the Australia-Singapore Tourism Officials' Talks.
3. Any specific cooperation for the purpose of the implementation of this MOU that requires the commitment of financial or other resources will be detailed in separate written implementation arrangements between the Participants in accordance with their respective laws, rules and regulations. Such arrangements may set out detailed and specific technical, financial and other appropriate conditions for collaboration, as well as conditions relating to each Participant's role, responsibilities, and liabilities. Such arrangements may be jointly formulated and concluded on a case-by-case basis between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 4

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Each Participant will bear their own costs incurred in carrying out any cooperation incidental to this MoU.
2. The Participants may mutually approve the use of alternative financing mechanisms to carry out specific cooperation.

PARAGRAPH 5
CONFIDENTIALITY

Each Participant undertakes to observe and safeguard the confidentiality and secrecy of all documents, information and data (including, but not limited to, personal data), received from or supplied to the other Participant pursuant to this MOU or any other activity or programme as may be initiated or undertaken thereunder, and to not use the documents, information and data for any purpose other than to carry out its commitments under this MOU, and to continue to do so notwithstanding the expiry or termination of this MOU at any time.

PARAGRAPH 6
EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Nothing in this MoU creates, or is intended to create, any legally enforceable rights or impose any legally binding obligations on the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 7
EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This MoU will come into effect on the date of signing, and will be valid for a period of five (5) years. This MoU may be renewed for successive similar periods thereafter by written agreement of the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 8
AMENDMENTS

This MoU may be amended at any time with the mutual written consent of the Participants. Such amendments will be an integral part of this MoU and will come into effect on such date as mutually determined by the Participants.

**PARAGRAPH 9
TERMINATION**

1. This MoU may be terminated by either Participant providing written notice to the other Participant at least six (6) months prior to the intended date of termination.
2. Such termination will not affect the validity or implementation of any project, program, arrangement or other activity made under the framework of this MoU, which are in progress at the time of the notification of such termination, or which have started before the date of termination, and for which the Participants will mutually determine the measures required for such orderly conclusion.

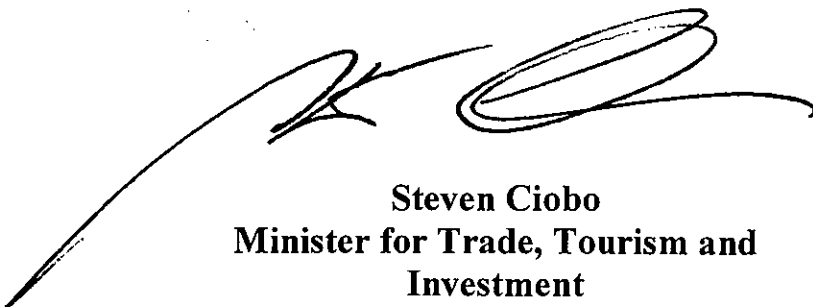
**PARAGRAPH 10
RESOLUTION OF DIFFICULTIES**

Upon request of either Participant, the Participants will consult on any matter related to the terms of this MoU, and will endeavour jointly, in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust, to resolve any difficulties or misunderstandings that may arise, without reference to any third party, including any international tribunal, organisation or forum.


Signed in duplicate at Singapore, on the day of 21 August 2017 in the English language.

**For the Department of Foreign
Affairs and Trade
of Australia**

**For the Singapore Tourism
Board of the Republic
of Singapore**



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